

Hancock, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Town Clerk:
Monday, 6 pm - 9 pm, Wednesday, 3 pm - 6 pm; Tax Collector:
Monday, Wednesday, 11 am - 1 pm

County

Hillsborough

Labor Market Area

Peterborough NH LMA

Tourism Region

Monadnock

Planning Commission

Southwest Region

Regional Development

Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 2

State Senate

District 9

State Representative

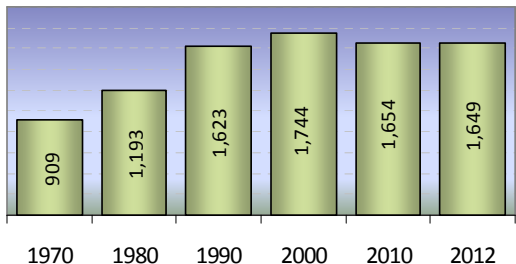
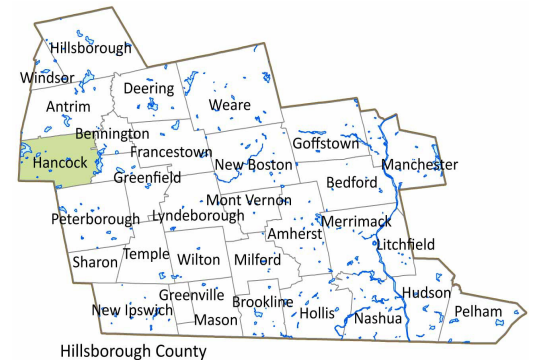
Hillsborough County Districts 3, 38

Incorporated: 1779

Origin: Hancock started as an unidentified settlement on the Contoocook River, in territory known as "Society Land" or Cumberland, which had been reserved for the Proprietors. Cumberland included what is now Antrim, Bennington, Fracestown, Deering, Greenfield, and Hancock. First settled in 1764, the town was incorporated as Hancock in 1779 in honor of John Hancock, first governor of Massachusetts, president of the Continental Congress, and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Hancock was a landowner in this region, but there is no record of his ever having been in the town named for him.

Villages and Place Names: Elmwood

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 634 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Hancock totaled 927 over 52 years, from 722 in 1960 to 1,649 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 36 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, which followed a 31 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2012 Census estimate for Hancock was 1,649 residents, which ranked 154th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 55.2 persons per square mile of land area. Hancock contains 30.0 square miles of land area and 1.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013	\$1,855,018
Budget: School Appropriations,	Not Available
Zoning Ordinance	1962/10
Master Plan	1997
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Trust Funds; Common; Water; Cemetery; Checklist
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Historic District

Public Library **Hancock Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department			Full-time
Fire Department			Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service			Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	7 miles	25	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier			PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier			None
Water Supplier		Hancock Water Works	
Sanitation			Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant			No
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup			None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program			No
Recycling Program			Mandatory
Telephone Company			Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access			Yes
Cable Television Access			Yes
Public Access Television Station			No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business		Yes
	Residential		Yes

PROPERTY TAXES		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.80	
2012 Equalization Ratio		100.0	
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.80	
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		94.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		2.2%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.2%	

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2007-2011)</i>	
Total Housing Units		875	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		779	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		61	
Five or More Units in Structure		16	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		19	

DEMOGRAPHICS		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population		Community	County
2012		1,649	402,922
2010		1,654	400,721
2000		1,744	382,384
1990		1,623	336,549
1980		1,193	276,608
1970		909	223,941

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

Population by Gender			
Male	847	Female	856

Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		77
Age 5 to 19		304
Age 20 to 34		145
Age 35 to 54		464
Age 55 to 64		325
Age 65 and over		388
Median Age		49.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		97.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher		52.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2007-2011)</i>	
Per capita income			\$40,369
Median 4-person family income			\$77,750
Median household income			\$71,250
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$61,429
Female			\$42,917
Families below the poverty level			3.5%

LABOR FORCE		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average	2002	2012	
Civilian labor force	903	824	
Employed	873	790	
Unemployed	30	34	
Unemployment rate	3.3%	4.1%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002	2012	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	40	n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 528	n	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	242	n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 426	n	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	282	147	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 441	\$ 905	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	43	29	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 278	\$ 700	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	325	176	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 419	\$ 871	

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francetown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)				District: SAU 1
Career Technology Center(s):	Region 14 Applied Technology Center, Peterborough				Region: 14
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1				
Grade Levels	K 1-4				
Total Enrollment	77				

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua; NHTI-Concord**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; New England; Franklin Pierce University; Antioch New England**2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **36**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
John Hancock Inn	Restaurant, inn		
Hancock Market	Convenience store		
Fiddleheads Café	Restaurant		

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	123, 137
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-89, Exit 6	
	Distance	27 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim	Runway	3,260 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	34 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		33 miles
Portland, Maine		142 miles
Boston, Mass.		81 miles
New York City, NY		244 miles
Montreal, Quebec		263 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2007-2011*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	74.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.7%
Public transportation	1.0%
Walked	2.7%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	13.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011

Working in community of residence	76.0
Commuting to another NH community	19.4
Commuting out-of-state	4.6

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak, Crotched Mtn
	Other: Harris Center for Conservation Education; Nature's Classroom